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I WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN PRESIDENT .- HENRY CLAY.

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w this sacred principle-and then, stice dwell among the sons of men ? seace and order here consent to dwell not Earth itself become a hell ? faithe trusts which can to men be giv'n o include the Ministry of Heaven.) trusts are clearly greatest which relate -considered in his social state ; PUBLIC TRUSTS, which always mast em-

weal, or woe, of thousands of his racetrusts are truly sacred, and as such, ption's vile, contaminating touch pervert them, without spreading ill, nd the basest purpose of his will : lls-alas !- which in their scope must

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Nor e'en the Editor who takes a bribe ; The difference only is, in this brief view, The evil each within his sphere may do. The principle's the same, 'tis understood, From libel-suits to gallant Cilley's blood : Pure blood !- by bribes and base corruption

Whilst bribing Bankers flaunt in pride and

guilt ! In pride and guilt-whilst lo ! the widows' tear !

And hark ! the orphans' wailings strike the ear

Ah! who but God can estimate their pain? They cry to Heaven-nor will they cry in vain!

The man who takes a bribe would strip the dead,

Or rob the orphan of his crust of bread ; So lost to justice, equity and right, This man would steal the aged widow's mit Is well prepared for every kind of fraud ; Would sell his country, or betray his God; Pillage the palace of the King of Kings, Or strip the gilding from an angel's wings! On sad events, now passing, do reflect : Freemen !- be firm, and stern, and circum spect !

Let none be trusted who for office pants To pamper vulgar, artificial wants. Let every idle, vain, and vicious drone Live, if he can-but TRUST NOT such an one. Remember what Time's faithful record saith, That Carthage fell-and fell by "PUNIC

FAITH !! The man who is unfaithful to a trust, However small, is vitally unjust ; And he who is unjust in little things Would be a villain in the courts of kings. Present a bribe-and down his virtue falls, In courts, or camps, or legislative halls !

The bribed apostate !-- blot his hateful name From each and every scroll of honest fame. Let no man trust him, none forbear to shed Contempt and deep dishonor on his head. Let Scorn still point her finger and her jibes, And say-Behold the consequence of bribee ! Let guileless children, as he passes by, Shrink from his touch, and shudder at his eye Let lovely women loath him with disgust, And shun him like the reptile in the dust. And whilst he lives, let Infamy alone Claim the bribed legislator as her own ; Until he dies and sinks into the grave, To poison worms that feed upon the knave.

Reconstruction. SPEECH OF HON. GLENNI W. SCOFIELD, OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASH-INGTON, APRIL 28th, 1866.

The House, as in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, having under consideration the President's annual message-Mr. SCOFIELD said :

Mr. SPEAKER : What is the whole amount of disloyal population in the this inquiry persons who have been stig- consuming world. The life-habits of through five dreary years of persecution, in at once, say they, to the "erring brethmatized as "sympathizers" or "copperheads," much less than any other portion of the Democratic party, but only those and power were all the outgrowth of an betrayed into the hands of their old, Bills to protect the loyal men of the who sought to divide the country into two republics and who now regret the failure of their enterprise. The whole amount of white population in the eleven coufederate States is 5,097,524. Deducting in their hearts by the tender memories of in the preservation of their chattel estates. in my reach, I conclude that the disloyal population in the whole South will not exceed, if indeed it will equal, five million | they were monsters. in all.

If the eleven confederate States were readmitted now (the Constitution and laws remaining unamended) what amount of representation in Congress and the Electoral College would this five million be entitled to claim? They would cer-For if the loyal men of that State, sus-

it in their hearts. The soldiers maimed, The purpose will not be generally disclos- generous to the insurgents, that they wives widowed, and children orphaned in ed until the forces are arranged for its ought to receive the assent of every Union their bad cause, appeal to their leaders | execution.

for the promised support, but the Union has no pensions for them. The fortunes that will beset the Republic by the allow- cuss their merits. While some deny that invested in confederate faith see no hope ance of a representation unfriendly to its we have any plan of reconstruction, others of realization in the Union. Hatred of prosperity and even its existence in such assail it with insidious and deceptive the north and its anti-slavery majorities, disproportionate numbers. But we should objections. Some of these I propose to the original motive for secession, is ten not forget that this act is also a recogni- notice here. times stronger now than in 1861, and is tion as republican in form of constitutions forever gone in the Union. "Confedera- of old masters, not now as heretofore We will soon have bills to enlarge penbelieve they were hypocrites than that is made.

But they are neither hypocrites nor monsters. They do not love the Union, and do not pretend to. It is untruthful disloyal population in the country. men of our own section that prevaricate for them. The same class of men that mis- to the Union, the Constitution and laws clasp the hands of their murderers. When represented the feelings of the North be- remaining unamended, will hold more once admitted, deny that you ever tried fore the war, and thus deceived the South than one-third of its representative power to break up the Government, but swear tainly have these eleven States. There and goaded them into rebellion, now mis- and the supreme control of at least thir- on all occasions that the Lincoln party could hardly be a doubt about Kentucky. represent the feelings of the South to de- teen States. ceive the North and lure it into irretrievtained by the power of the Federal Army able surrender. Before the war they deand the persuasion of Federal patronage, ceived the south and betrayed the north; but failing in that, for the repudiation of its for their persistent opposition the amendwith the young disunionists absent in the now it is reversed, they deceive the North military and financial obligations. South and the old ones disfranchised at and betray the loyal South. The same Now, what is to be done? If these home, could scarcely hold their own, perfidious breath that carried South the States are denied representation, it vio- the loyal States, and been assented to, no what could we expect them to do when untruthful story of northern hate, and lates the fundamental principle of repub- doubt, by the constitutional number .-these young men have returned, the dis- thus prompted the war, comes back now lican government. If allowed a double Except for their own opposition they franchising laws have been swept away, with another story, equally antruthful, of and hostile representation, the Union might now be welcoming back their longsouthern love. They tell us that the disand Federal patronage at least uncertain? | loyal South is a gentle bride, impatient This would give them twenty-four Sena- for the nuptials, when they know that she tors. There are four more States that submits to them with loathing. Have belonged to the slaveholding class, Dela- | they not laid down their arms? is the arware, Maryland, West Virginia, and Mis- gumentative inquiry. No, sir; their souri. Is it any stretch of probabilities arms were taken from them. Have they neutralize their disunion sentiments by the "President's policy." What is the to suppose that two more Senators will be not submitted ? No, sir ; they were de- enfranchising the blacks in these States. President's policy ? I aver, first, that the picked up somewhere in these four States | feated in battle. There is nothing in | by the confederate element? I fear there their past conduct nor present attitude its basis either the number of voters or from, was in favor of the principle emthat justifies the use of the word submis- the population, minus the disfranchised bodied in each of the proposed amendsion. Prisoners of war have been taken, classes; so that these States shall have no ments. Of the first one, because he In the House of Representatives this but they were released on parole; rebel armies have been dispersed, but they have represented people than the old free States it ; of the second one, because he has rebeen reorganized as State militia; rebel have. portionment of 1861, fifty-eight Represen- State governments have been overthrown, but again revived and restored to the be premised that the editor speaks federate States. These States will be so old possessors; and forfeitures of life and estates have been remitted, but that is all. Call this clemency, privilege, triumph, also proposed to couple with either prop- amendments cannot be required as condivictory, what you please, but do not call osition a second amendment, prohibiting tions-precedent to their restoration, beis charged upon the post office; but in five slaveholding States twenty-six were it submission, with which it has not one the assumption of rebel debts and claims cause he directed Mr. Seward to inform assigned by the act of 1861. If any one shade of meaning in common. We do not either by States or the United States. will take the trouble to look over these dis- need to call witnesses to prove that these The third proposition has commended amendment proposed in the last Congress "A short time since a Government tricts, I think he will come to the conclu- people are hostile to the Union and its itself to much the largest number of was "indispensable" to restoration; and officer in this city was notified that two sion that even if the laws disfranchising interests. The history of the human Union members, and the amendments to because he has not himself dealt with letters had been sent to him, one contain- rebels in Maryland, West Virginia, and race proves it. Whoever attempts to that effect have already passed this House them as if they were States already ing a check for eighty thousand dollars. Missouri remain in force, not less than prove the contrary must first show that by more than a two-thirds vote. This, in the Union. When the confederacy fell He was, of course, in great tribulation half of these will be controlled by the in- they are unlike any other people whose then, so far as this House is concerned, is they were in fall operation under governwhen the letter failed to come to hand, fluence and votes of the late secessionists. passions, struggles, and defeats are record- the congressional plan of reconstruction. ments originally organized in the Union. But witnesses have been called-Union | wrongly charging us with having no pol- | set of county and township officers were at directed to the city of New York, instead number must soon be increased. The generals, Union and icy at all, but designing to exclude them work under constitutions once declared to of Albany, and were discovered in the two-fifths of the four million freedmen rebel citizens, without distinction of party, for an indefinite period, is a little time to be republican in form by the United which were not counted in the represen- condition, race, or color-and all support put in form of fundamental law these States. These governments were regular "A day or two since a gentleman in tative basis of the last census must be under oath the great historic truth, that a pledges of future peace. For five years unless you assent to the doctrine of for-Syracuse notified Mr. Roessle, of the counted in the census of 1870, and (other purpose imbibed in infancy, cherished they have been out upon plague-infected feiture, for they had political continuity, and stimulated by the rostrum, press, and seas. Can they not tarry at quarantine what the church people call apostolic sucpulpit for a lifetime; upheld by large for. for a single session ? tunes, wrung from the toil of slaves, and instituted and inquiries made, but the soon as their full power can be felt thro' sanctified by the blood of sons and kin- the main disagreement. Shall these States rized in their stead.

from this amount the estimated number their fallen kindred, but it must live, as Twenty-five per cent., says an honorable of loyal people in those States, and adding they well know, in the history, traditions, gentleman who presents his back offenthe disloyal scattered through the other and ballads of the Union, associated with sively to the North as he makes his low five slave States, will give the answer to perjury, dishonorable crime, and cruel obesiance South, twenty-five per cent. the "butternuts" included without you.

repeat them :

1. There are only about five million

3. They will be interested to use that power for the division of the Union; and,

man, especially of every northern Union I am speaking now only of the dangers man. The Opposition do not dare to dis-

First of all, they complain of the conbacked up by \$4,000,000,000 of debt, we have never seen (except that of Ten- sumption of time. Five months have damages, and pensions, which, as they in- nessee), and all, except those of Lincoln passed, and not a rebel admitted, is the sist, could, in a separate government, be origin, under rebel supremacy. The complaining accusation. The Opposition southern States? I do not include in levied by an export duty upon the cotton- white Unionists who have been looking are impatient. They cannot wait. Come these people, their love of ease and dom- lynching, and confiscation to this as their ren." Do not wait to drop your side arms ination, their pride, aristocracy, wealth, hour of deliverance, will find themselves or exchange your disloyal garments .-institution which might possibly be re- unhumbled, unrelenting tormentors. It South against your pretended violence are vived in a separate republic, but which is also consigns the freedmen to the tyranny pending now, come and help defeat them. cy" is a word that must be long enshrined bribed to humanity by a moneyed interest sions and equalize bounties to the soldiers you have maimed and the widows you have made; your advice and votes will be needed. A bill to give bounty land to the "boys in blue" could not be defeated nor my question. Making this deduction and war. If they should profess to love the have already perished. The wish no A bill to lift the burdens of taxation from addition from the most reliable data with- Union we could not believe them. It is doubt was father to the thought with the the industry of the country and place it so unnatural that it would be easier to masters in whose interest the declaration upon your foreign confederates, through exported cotton, will need your attention. These, then, are my premises. I will Hurry up your organizations. Do not wait to heal lips blistered with a double oath of broken fealty before you kiss the Holy Evangelists with another. We have

2. This population when fully restored buried our sons and are languishing to were and are the traitors.

The complainants have only themselves to blame for much of this delay. Except ments would have been submitted months ago to the Legislatures then in session in

islator violates his trust. m defiled, and ceases to be just ! rie, no man can deem it very strange mere opinions undergo a change ; then opinions plainly manifest crs and PRINCIPLES on which they rest RUSTE are THUS coufided-clearly, then, ons TEST the HONESTY of ment true, the bribed apostate may proclaim of facts to palliate his shame, well prepared, to meet his wretched

nitigate the horrors of disgrace. he may prove-or try, in vain, to prove, scruples rose, reluctantly, to move tless mind-which had-alas! to strive st the fact that two and two make five. "conclusions" he was "forced" to come arkly wrote his artful letters home ; we his conscience is not made of flint as a sly preliminary hint;

ats his "doubts," which finally prevail, in he halts, in "matters of detail:"ates the spirit of the times, ks "party" as he should of crimes ifies his motions, day by day, a total change he paves the way;

ous still to justify his views, Ill defends himself, though nore accuse ; then he hears the biting, tauating jibes, sensitive recipient of bribes

ts-and plunges deeper in the toils, proudly bears his infamy and spoils ! e high heaven, he plays his frantic'

s corruption !--- and supports the Banks democracy" he rants and raves. hypocrites !--- and worst of knaves to his "constituents !"-ah why? confirm his damning infamy! base man detestable appears, the orphans' cries and widows' tears ression-from whose callous hear pity, or remorse, can start;

cheats the mute, contiding dead the orphans forth to beg their

and in wretchedness to roam, FRAUD from happiness and home d like this must ever be despised, ter frauds-though artfully disguised, detested ? less abhorred ?-because and in making-not in breaking laws en committed? Then, if this be true,

not baser, Equity exclaims, a warchman-who his guilt can tell, hts the torch and utters-"All is well! so the Legislator :--- If he would very ill, and countervailing good, man enjoys, or suffers, here below, balance human weal and woe, proclaim that man to be the worst, st detestable, the most accursed, actions tend, directed by his will, on States the greatest weight of ill

ak of THIS! in weighing public crimes, are other men, in other times! of this !- with jealousy and fear, the writer wantonly severe; which to sorrow, slavery, and scorn,

trifles_"trifles light as air," When my colleague (Mr. Randall) from forty-nine. In England it is called the informed us in his annual message. If he quencies are found to belong to the par- | elect the President, and distribute his pating Bank Directors are aware; the Democratic side proposed that the na- system of "rotten boroughs." It has long has changed his policy since then it is be triffes, why did Freedom's son, ties themselves. ronage. tional faith, pledged in war, should not be | been the subject of political strife between | hard'y worth while to inquire what it is When these States are admitted and Itat, the good, the Godlike Washington, "The chief causes of missing letters are, broken in peace, there was one voice from the free and slave-labor counties of Mary- now, for his principles are written in wa-"+ his life to vigilance and toil, first, misdirection, and secondly, neglect these people come to have the unabridged to stamp them properly. Of the latter control of this twofold representation, how there have been deposited at the office in will they desire to use it? I do not in- but considering the quarter from which it is everywhere else abandoned as a perthe a temple on Columbia's soil, ath whose high, and bright, and hallow-[Conclusion next week.] ed dome, it came, multitudinous in omen. A bill nicious and anti-republican theory of dom might find a shelter and a homethis city, since the 1st of January, seven | quire how they possibly may use it, nor has also been introduced by a gentlemen, representation, we are asked to make it The Court of Rome stifles a rumor hundred and seventy-four. Except in even now how they expect or intend to use the every lovely virtue might appear, it as their native heaven's unclouded cases where the writers are known (by is, but how, if unrestrained by a united sometimes called the Democratic leader in the basis of reconstruction in the model of an attempt to poison the Pope. The having their card upon the envelope,) these are sent to the dead-letter office. "It should be known that a revenue the Union? I fear not. They have the Source the Louer the lou ace Peace and Order might protection Graw Truth and Justice, Liberty and Law? stamp is not recognized on a letter ; and come back to the Union, we should re- ated. These cannot be regarded as the purpose, is so absolutely necessary for the turn to a liberal policy, and come to an the be dreams, or trifles if you will, why did Warren bleed on Bunker Hill? a great many letters are deposited with member, only by coercion. To them it is oddities of one or two men, but rather as preservation of the Republic and the u such stamps upon them. These are all a forced bridal. They submit to it, but impulsive confessions of imprudent scouts, discharge of its obligations to its soldiers understanding with Itally. Judge, the Magistra to, we don't de-10 Indr. stry is one means of obtaining they do not, because they cannot, embrace ' too far in advance of the following army. ' and creditors, and is so just and even sent to the dead-letter cflice." competor ce.

There-'midst the storms-let hideous Furies foul Hold nightly revels and in concert howl ;

Let hissing serpents make that spot their home.

And be the watchful guardians of his tomb And when he goes to hell, let devils stare, And ask him-who the devil sent him there ! And feel the insult, deep, severe, and keen, To see a fiend pre-eminently mean, 'Midst better devils rudely ushered in-A foul, appalling prodigy of sin l And in hell's fiercest-hottest-furnace cram-

med. Let him be damned--superlatively damned And why not damned for such transcendent

crimes ? Yea-damned eternally ten thousand simes! Ebensburg, Pa., March 28, 1838.

WHY LETTERS FAIL OF THEIR DESTI-NATION .- The Albany Journal has an proportionate representation. By the apinteresting article on the subject of "missing letters," which we subjoin. It should | tatives were assigned to the eleven conposition in the post office of that city :

nine cases out of ten it lies with the parties sending the letters.

advertised list, and secured, all right.

when the letters are missed, but not re- would have a majority of the whole, and vance of their own coming a portion of tics of the country the old problem by Governor Sharkey, July 24, 1865, Gov. emen's children's children yet unlieved from the censure when the delin- be able to control Federal legislation, their vast claims have reached your files. which sixteen is made the majority of Marvin, September 12, 1865, and so he

the Army removed or palsied by orders, will be more. This will give them twenty-six Senators.

population will have as large, if not larger, from knowledge derived from his official districted by the hostile sentiment of their several Legislatures that not one true "Whenever letters are missed, the fault | Union man can be elected. To the other and supposed the delinquency to be in This gives them seventy-one Representa- ed in the annals of the world. the post office. But the letters had been tives in the House. But even this large Delevan House, that he had forwarded things remaining the same) add to that him \$3,500 to take up a note. But no number thirteen members more; so that such letter came to hand. Search was the five million disloyal population, as

itself must be destroyed or preserved at mourned friends to seats in these Halls. the expense of another war.

Three remedies are proposed : 1. Disfranchise some portion of the and more malevolent in purpose. Hence rebels.

2. Allow all the rebels to vote, but 3. Equalize representation by taking as President, when last authoritatively heard more representation in proportion to their | required the confederate States to adopt

amendment to the Constitution, to be representation. I aver, second, that he accepted by the rebel States as a condi- does not consider the status of the States tion-presedent to their restoration. It is such, that their assent to constitutional

Stripped of all disguises, herein lies President's order and new ones extempo-

discovered in the office at Syracuse, held | Senators and eighty-four Representatives dered to military orders. Such a purpose temper, without guarantees of any kind the breath of the President has been the for postage. surrenders only to time. I do not pre- and with a twofold representation? It law of the land. Mr. Johnson went much and one hundred and ten votes in the orld may bid integrity adieu! hat base man the guiltiest of men, "One of our citizens put a thousand | Electoral College. This is a low calculasent this great truth now by way of re- is not whether they shall be represented further in this direction than his predefires some cottage in the lonely glen? dollar draft in a letter directed to Buffalo | tion. When we consider the earnestness, proof or condemnation of these misguided at all; to that we all agree. There may cessor. Mr. Lincoln established governa few days ago. It did not reach its or rather I should say the fierceness of people, but only by way of caution and be a little question of time; a difference ments only in States where he found none wraps a cirr in devouring flames ? destination, and the post office was duly these people, the ability, ambition, and warning to ourselves. I come to the con- of a few weeks or a few months, and that existing before, but Mr. Johnson first anathematized ; when lo! the letter turned | courage of their leaders, we may well ap- clusion, therefore, that they do not desire is all. Shall they be represented twice | destroyed existing governments and then up among those held for postage. prehend that the number will be even the perpetuation of the Union. If we over, once in their own names and once supplied their places with these of his would remove all restraints and give them in the name of the negroes ? Shall they own creation. So, both by words, and "A twenty thousand dollar check was, greater. But this number is their ownfreedom of choice, they would revive the come in upon a representative basis that actions which speak louder than words, the writer supposed, sent to Illinois, but | legitimate and certain under the laws as confederacy at once. They would take clothes a white man of the South with the President assents to every principle it did not reach its destination. In due they stand. Supposing the entire popuadvantage of a war with Great Britain or almost as much again political power as a involved in the congressional policy of time it was returned to him from the lation of the United States to be thirty-France to secure their independence, and Northern man controls? That gives two reconstruction. Indeed, the two policies dead letter office. It had been directed | five million now, this five million will be they would take advantage of their doub- white voters in South Carolina as much could not well conflict, because they rejust one-seventh of the whole, but will to Michigan instead of Illinois. tibed apostate, who on States would le representation here to promote such a voice in the selection of a President and in late to different subjects. The one cre-"Three members of a family in this city | have more than one-third the representawar. If no opportunity of escape should the legislation of this House as five voters ates or revives State organizations, the own stock in a Western bank. One of tion in both Houses of Congress, and realest curses, in the forms of law1 them received the regular dividend, but more than one-third of the Electoral Col- soon offer, would they not still live in in Pennsylvania possess? That practi- other renews their Federal relations .-ad effects his villainy imparts the others did not. After a while it was lege. The same amount of loyal popula- hopes of it and in persistent hostility to cally gives to one-seventh of your popula- When these organizations were complete, each ten thousand times ten thousand found that the two missing letters had been tion at the North is represented by only the country's obligations to the soldiers, tion, disloyal at that, more than one-third and the States ready to apply to Congress widows, orphans, and creditors of our war, of your power? That, sir, is the great for a return to the Union, the President's directed to New York instead of Albany. about half that number. If by factions "Instances like these are occurring ev- or party division among the loyalists of and friendly to the assumption of similar question before this House and the Amer- policy was ended. His work was all obligations created by themselves in the ican public. It is an effort on the part done. The rest was for Congress. So he ery day. The Post Office Department is, the country, they would contrive to secure of course, held responsible-censured one-sixth more of the representation, they interest of the rebellion? Even in ad- of the Opposition to carry into the poli- directed his Secretary of State to inform

But they would consent to nothing that did not return them greater in numbers, the delay. Hinc illas lacrimae.

Next we are told that it conflicts with

peatedly declared himself in favor of Either proposition would require an making the number of voters the basis of these States that their assent to the All we ask of the rebel leaders who are Governors, Legislatures, judges, and a full cession. Yet they were destroyed by the

letter could not be found. It was finally the elections, will have at least twenty-six dred, has not been and cannot be surren- be recognized at once in their present From that time to this, in the States,